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Consolidated Plan

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HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)
Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG)
and the **State Programs:**
Homeless Shelter Assistance Trust Fund (HSATF)
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Acronym	Full Name
AAP	A nnual A ction P lan
AHP	A ffordable H ousing P rogram
AIDS	A uto I mmune D eficiency S yndrome
ANCHoR	A utomated N ational C lient-specific H omeless services R ecording
APR	A nnual P erformance R eport
CDBG	C ommunity D evelopment B lock G rant
CFR	C ode of F ederal R egulation
CHAS	C omprehensive H ousing A ffordability S trategy
CHDO	C ommunity H ousing D evelopment O rganization
CNF	C ommunity N eed F actors
CR	C omprehensive R evitalization
CRD	C ommunity and R ural D evelopment
DED	N ebraska D epartment of E conomic D evelopment
DEQ	N ebraska D epartment of E nvironmental Q uality
DHHS	N ebraska D epartment of H ealth and H uman S ervices
EPA	E nvironmental P olicy A ct
ESG	E mergency S helter G rant
ESGP	E mergency S helter G rant P rogram
FEMA	F ederal E mergency M anagement A gency
FIC	F amily I ntestment C enters
FNMA	F ederal N ational M ortgage A ssociation (Fannie Mae)
GNMA	G overnment N ational M ortgage A ssociation (Ginnie Mae)
HCDCC	H olistic C ommunity D evelopment C onsulting C ommittee
HIV	H uman I mmunodeficiency V irus
HOPE	H ome O wnership for P eople E verywhere
HOPWA	H ousing O pportunities for P ersons with A IDS
HSATF	H omeless S helter A ssistance T rust F und
HUBS	H istorically U nderutilized B usinesses
HUD	U . S . D epartment of H ousing and U rban D evelopment
LMI	L ow to M oderate I ncome P ersons
NAC	N ebraska A ssociation of C HDOs
NAHC	N ebraska A ffordable H ousing C ommission
NAHRO	N ebraska A ssociation of H ousing and R edevlopment O fficials
NAHTF	N ebraska A ffordable H ousing T rust F und
NCHH	N ebraska C ommission on H ousing and H omelessness
NCIP	N ebraska C ommunity I mprovement P rogram
NHAP	N ebraska H omeless A ssistance P rogram
NHHSS	N ebraska H ealth and H uman S ervices S ystem
NICH	N ebraska I nteragency C ouncil on H omelessness
NRC	N ebraska N atural R esources C ommission
PHDEP	P ublic H ousing D rug E limination P rogram
PW	P ublic W orks
RDC	R ural D evelopment C ommission
SRO	S ingle R oom O ccupancy H ousing P rogram
TARP	T echnical A ssistance R eview T eam
TIF	T ax I ncrement F inancing
TOP	P ublic H ousing T enant O pportunities P rogram
USDA - RD	U . S . D epartment of A griculture - R ural D evelopment
WW	W ater W astewater
YSP	Y outh S port P rogram

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Section One:

Introduction and Citizen Participation

Introduction

Purpose

The Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) reports progress on the *Nebraska Community and Rural Development Consolidated Plan* (the *Consolidated Plan*), a five-year plan addressing the state's Community and Rural Development needs. The purpose of the APR is to:

1. **Show** the state's five-year priorities and strategies for housing, homelessness, non-housing community development and the community development delivery system;
2. **Summarize** the actions taken during the 2001 program year to meet the five-year strategies;
3. **Report** how funds received from these programs were used to meet the identified priorities;
4. **Describe** the state's method for distributing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), Emergency Shelter Grant Program (ESG), Homeless Shelter Assistance Trust Fund (HSATF) funds, and Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund (NAHTF) funds. Activities funded from these programs must meet the priorities identified in the five-year *Consolidated Plan*;
5. **List** the resources that may be used by grantees and the state to further the five-year strategies;
6. **Report** actions taken by the state that are required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), such as lead-based paint actions and removal of barriers to affordable housing; and
7. **Review** citizen comments about the APR and give a response from the Department of Economic Development (DED).

Amount of Funds

This report summarizes the distribution of funds for two state programs and three federal programs for the 2001 program year. Funds received for these programs totaled over \$29 million:

- \$15,457,000 in CDBG funds
- \$5,214,000 in HOME funds
- \$524,000 in ESG funds
- \$1,510,000 in HSATF funds
- \$5,204,000 in NAHTF funds

The APR also describes program priorities, use of funds and any funds (1) remaining or recaptured from previous CDBG allocations, (2) reallocated by HUD to the state and (3) program income distributed by the state during the 2001 program year.

The 2001 CAPER

The 2001 CAPER is the second of five annual performance reports. Each report describes the one-year actions and funding priorities used to carry out the five-year *Consolidated Plan*, a comprehensive planning document identifying the state's housing development, economic development and community development needs. As the lead state agency responsible for the five-year *Consolidated Plan*, DED must also complete the annual action plans and annual performance reports to receive federal funds for the HUD CDBG, HOME and ESG programs. Covering all areas of the state (except Omaha and Lincoln, which are required to submit and prepare their own Consolidated Plans), the *Consolidated Plan* establishes funding priorities for these programs, outlines strategies, and annually identifies a one-year action plan for program implementation and funding.

Specifically the purpose of this consolidated annual performance evaluation report is to demonstrate how activities undertaken during the 2001 program year address pertinent Strategic Plan strategies and priorities identified in the 2000 Consolidated Plan. Sections two, three and four of the CAPER give the three major priorities of the state and the strategies that were set in the Consolidated Plan. These sections go into more detail by stating the objectives and performance measurements that were set for each strategy for the 2001 program year. A progress report is given for each performance measurement, the progress reports summarize the activities that were taken during the 2001 program year so that citizens reviewing the report are able to assess the progress that has been made towards meeting the 5-year priorities and strategies that were established in the Consolidated Plan.

Strategies do not describe every activity to be undertaken by the state. Instead, the strategies provide direction in the form of a priority need with objectives, performance measures, and completion dates. Objectives serve as examples of the activities to be initiated during those five years. Strategies and objectives may be added, deleted, or modified in subsequent annual action plans.

Nebraska's Consolidated Planning Process

In summary, Nebraska's Consolidated Planning Process serves the following functions:

- Provide a 5 year planning document for the State which builds on a comprehensive consultation and citizens participation process;
- Serve as an application for federal funds under HUD's formula grant programs;
- Provide a strategy for housing, homelessness, community and economic development;
- Develop an action plan that provides a basis for measuring and assessing performance; and
- Provide annual performance and evaluation reports.

The consolidated planning process is an opportunity for strategic planning and citizen participation to take place in a comprehensive context. The process brings local governments, community organizations, state and federal agencies, service providers, and citizens together to address the larger picture in which the programs operate. It also offers the state an opportunity to shape the various programs into an efficient continuum of service delivery.

Strategies and recommendations were developed with public input and consultation from advisory groups, local community leaders, concerned citizens, nonprofit organizations, advocacy groups, the private sector and representatives of state and federal agencies.

HUD specifies a number of elements for a state Consolidated Plan including:

- an assessment of housing, homeless, community and economic development needs for the ensuing five-year period;
- an analysis of the state's housing market;
- a discussion of the state's priority needs, strategies, and objectives for housing and community development activities;
- an action plan that describes the state's method for distributing funds to carry out activities using funds that are expected to be received under formula allocations and other HUD assistance during the program year and;
- performance measures to assure that the delivery of these needed housing and community development products and services are provided.

Citizen Participation

Opportunities for Public Participation

Public participation with the 2001 APR (including review by the advisory groups) is important to the state. Citizens and other interested parties are given access to information and records relating to the APR and programs it covers.

Copies of Annual Performance Reports, Annual Action Plans, the *Consolidated Plan* and any other relevant information are all available by contacting anyone within the Department of Economic Development and also are on the Community and Rural Development Division's web-site at: <http://crd.neded.org/pubs.html>.

Comment Period

A public comment period was opened August 26, 2002 through September 10, 2002 for the 2001 Proposed APR.

Public Notices and Press Coverage

- Public notices about the public comment period were placed in the Lincoln Journal Star, Scottsbluff Star-Herald, North Platte Telegraph, Norfolk Daily News, Kearney Daily Hub, Alliance Times-Herald, Ainsworth Star Journal, Chadron Record, Nebraska City New-Press and Grand Island Independent.
- A news release announcing the comment period was sent to media statewide.
- In order to increase the opportunities for public comment, the proposed 2001 APR was sent to 16 libraries throughout Nebraska: Alliance Public Library (Alliance), Auburn Memorial Library (Auburn), Garfield County Library (Burwell), Central City Public Library (Central City), Chadron Public Library (Chadron), Lexington Public Library (Lexington), Bennett Martin Library (Lincoln), McCook Public Library (McCook), Jensen Memorial Library (Minden), Goodall City Library (Ogallala), Omaha Public Library (Omaha), Scottsbluff Public Library (Scottsbluff), Sidney Public Library (Sidney), Thomas County Library (Thedford), Valentine Public Library (Valentine), and Wayne Public Library (Wayne).
- The APR is available on the Community and Rural Development Division web-site at: crd.neded.org/pubs

Targeted Mailings

- Notices announcing the availability of the 2001 APR and soliciting comments were sent to official advisory groups, previous CDBG, ESG, and HOME grantees, Community Housing Development Organizations, Community Action Agencies, Development Districts, Nebraska Congressional Representatives, Nebraska State Senators, as well as other interested individuals and groups.
- The Proposed APR was mailed to members of the state's official advisory groups.

Advisory Groups

Official advisory groups to the state on the 2001 APR are the CDBG Advisory Committee, Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness and the Nebraska Economic Development Commission.

Criteria for Substantial Change

DED reserves the right to make non-substantive changes to the *Consolidated Plan* (including annual action plans and performance reports) without opening a public comment period. A change to the *Consolidated Plan*, which constitutes an amendment or a substantial change meets one or more of the following criteria:

- Addition or deletion of a priority.
- Addition of a strategy not consistent with an existing priority.
- Deletion of a strategy that was previously included.

Public Comment

The following is a copy of the public comment that was received on the Proposed 2001 APR. DED's response follows.



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Dear Jason:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the 2001 Annual Performance Report. We are glad to see the inclusion of strategies to alleviate the physical barriers persons with disabilities face in their homes. The Assistive Technology Partnership (ATP) and the Making Homes Accessible program are willing to provide specific case examples in addition to quantifiable statistics that could be included in the progress report. The annual set aside of \$200,000 from the Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund is leveraging additional funds to make homes accessible. This program allows persons with disabilities and family members with disabilities to stay in their homes and live more independently in the community. Given the focus on future strategies, it is important to understand and acknowledge what is currently being done.

In addition, ATP recognizes the value of removing financial barriers to homeownership through the Home of Your Coalition's commitment to utilizing homebuyer education training and downpayment assistance. We further recognize and applaud the increased interest in fair housing challenges faced by persons with disabilities. We encourage more work in this area. Design challenges and solutions are not a current strength of many developers and builders. ATP could be a valuable training partner in raising awareness and building skills and we are willing to work with your department to make this happen.

In relation to Strategy Four, the comprehensive continuum of care approach to persons who are homeless or near homeless, ATP is willing to partner with other service provision organizations to identify and collectively address those needs. At this point, we are learning more of the needs identified during the 2001 Nebraska Market Report.

If you have any questions, please call Lilly Blase or myself at 471-0734.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Schultz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

Mark Schultz
Director
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DED Response:

Thank you for commenting on the 2001 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report and for the support your organization has given DED. We recognize that the Assistive Technology Partnership is an invaluable resource for the State of Nebraska.

We appreciate the interest of your organization in reviewing the performance report for our programs and services.

Section Two: Housing Development Priority

Respond to regional needs for affordable, decent, safe and appropriate housing, shelter and services as part of balanced economic development in Nebraska.

Strategies, Objectives & Measurements

The six (6) strategies developed to meet this priority are:

- + **Promote an adequate supply of quality affordable, appropriate housing for low and moderate income individuals, families, and homeowners, including persons with special housing needs.**
- + **Overcome barriers to homeownership for low and moderate-income families and individuals, including persons with special housing needs.**
- + **Promote an adequate supply of quality affordable, appropriate rental housing as a choice when homeownership is not a feasible option for low and moderate income individuals, families, including persons with special housing needs.**
- + **Support and facilitate an active and effective regional continuum of care planning and delivery system focusing on a comprehensive approach to housing and service delivery to people who are homeless and near-homeless.**
- + **Identify and address the barriers of homeownership, rental housing, support services, and shelters due to violations of fair housing practices**
- + **Identify and address a strategy for reduction of lead-based paint hazards in rural areas of the state.**

Background

HUD requires the state to report the activities it plans to undertake during the next year to:

- Address obstacles to meeting under-served needs;
- Foster and maintain affordable housing (including the coordination of Low-Income Housing Tax Credits with the development of affordable housing);
- Remove barriers to affordable housing;
- Evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards;
- Reduce the number of poverty level families;
- Develop an improved institutional structure; and
- Enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies and foster public housing resident initiatives.

These requirements are reflected in the housing strategies, objectives, and actions for the 2001 Program year.

Affordable Housing Progress Narrative

Available, affordable housing is an economic development issue. Future growth in Nebraska communities is directly linked to the provision of affordable housing. Many communities along the Interstate 80 corridor and service centers in other areas have experienced tremendous economic growth in the 1990's, but have been unable to meet the demand for additional housing. Housing conditions and markets are not universal throughout Nebraska. Besides economic growth, housing needs often reflect the socioeconomic composition of the community, county and region.

Affordability issues must also be addressed. The lower the income, the greater the need for housing assistance. The Housing Priority Needs Summary Table in the *Consolidated Plan* shows all income groups

other than very low and low-income households (up to 80% of median family income for the area) as medium priority. This ranking acknowledges the importance of all housing needs and allows applicants for federal funding to obtain certification of consistency with the state's housing strategy. Consequently, the state gives highest priority to assisting very low and low-income households, targeting those earning less than 50% of median income when appropriate.

The following numbers represent the number of individuals that benefited from the Nebraska Affordable Housing Program during the 2001 Program Year:

Homeowner beneficiaries – 7 benefited that were below 30% median income; 15 benefited that were below 50% median income; 14 benefited that were below 60% median income; 320 benefited that were below 80% median income.

Rental beneficiaries – 6 benefited that were below 30% median income; 18 benefited that were below 50% median income; 2 benefited that were below 60% median income; 1 benefited that was below 80% median income.

The Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness

The Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness (NCHH) was established by Executive Order in 1998. This Commission consolidates the work of the Nebraska Affordable Housing Commission, the Nebraska Interagency Council on the Homeless, and the Affordable Housing Trust Advisory Committee and recognizes the strong linkages among the various issues of housing and homelessness and near homeless issues.

The function of the Commission is to make recommendations to DED on the operation of the Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund and the Homeless Shelter Assistance Trust Fund, serve as an advisory body on housing and homelessness; assist with education, advocacy, coordination/cooperation and integration of the existing recommendations from *Nebraska's Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan* and Annual Action Plan with other statewide strategic planning initiatives involved with affordable housing, homelessness/near homelessness issues and other housing issues.

Actions for the 2001 Program Year

The state views the provision of affordable housing as a high priority, especially for persons/families making 80% of median income or less. The state works with public, private and nonprofit organizations to identify needs, fill gaps in services, provide technical assistance in the area of housing. Actions planned for 2001 to further this goal are a result of the priority for funding and resultant strategies set by the state in 2000 in the *Consolidated Plan*.

The six housing strategies listed above each have objectives and measurements that were planned by the state for the 2001 Program Year. The objectives and performance measurements that were planned for the six housing strategies are listed below along with a progress report detailing the headway made under each performance measurement during the 2001 program year. The following rating system is used to evaluate the measurements that were accomplished during the program year:

A → Activity Exceeded Measurement

P → Performance Satisfied Measurement

R → Reasonable Progress Made

N → No Progress

+ **Strategy One**

Promote an adequate supply of quality affordable, appropriate housing for low and moderate-income individuals, families and homeowners, including persons with special housing needs.

Objective #1: Conduct a statewide housing market study to assess and maintain a record of the housing stock and housing needs of low to moderate income homeowners and potential homebuyers.

Performance Measurement: A draft will be available by July 1, 2001 with census data being added as the figures become available. Partners for this study include DED, DHHSS, regional teams, NIFA, in-house housing team, HUD, NAC, NCHH, and other partners. DED will maintain the database. Determination by the partners will be made on what information, the kinds of reports, how it will be distributed, and agencies responsible for these activities. Computer tracking needs will take into consideration the abilities to categorize and prioritize by region.

P Progress Report: The 2001 Housing Market Report, a comprehensive summary of Nebraska housing prepared by the University of Nebraska – Lincoln Center for Applied Rural Innovation Research team was posted onto the Department's website in May 2001. An Executive Summary is available free of charge by request and for a fee the Department will produce a full copy. On September 12, 2002 the University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension will be hosting a Housing Issues Conference to discuss the market report and what can be done by municipalities, special needs housing groups, housing agencies, and builders and lenders.

Objective #2: Invest in rehabilitation of existing housing for low and moderate-income homeowners using a regional and community level service delivery system.

Performance Measurement: Based on regional housing needs assessment approximately 20% of available DED housing funds will be invested in housing rehabilitation activities for low- and moderate- income homeowners annually.

A Progress Report: DED awarded \$7,205,450 to communities and non-profit organizations for owner-occupied rehabilitation. 430 homes will be rehabilitated. \$831,935 was award to communities and non-profit organizations to rehabilitate affordable rental units.

Objective #3: Evaluate State-Designated Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) to ensure that they meet minimum requirements.

Performance Measurement: All existing State-Designated CHDOs will undergo an evaluation process. The DED will send a request for information to each CHDO by August 15, 2001 with the information due back by September 28, 2001. A determination on each CHDO's status will be made by December 28, 2001. This process will not impact an organization's ability to apply for funds in the 2001 Program Year. However, this process will determine which organizations are eligible to apply for HOME CHDO-set-aside funds for Program Year 2002.

P Progress Report: In response to DED's evaluation an application for CHDO designation has been prepared and is available on the DED website. For an organization to keep its CHDO designation they are required to submit the application in October 2002. For the 2002 Program Year, CHDOs awarded CHDO set-aside funds will be required to show compliance with status requirements before Release of Funds is granted.

+ **Strategy Two**

Overcome barriers to homeownership for low and moderate-income families and individuals, including persons with special housing needs.

Objective #1: Promote the use of below market interest rate loans in conjunction with HOME and NAHTF funds for rehabilitation costs, development subsidy, down payment, and closing cost assistance through existing mechanisms.

Performance Measurement: Fifty percent of all homeownership programs funded by HOME or NAHTF funds will also be accessing other below market interest rate loan products for the homebuyers the program is serving. Information on these programs will be gathered and analyzed to determine the number of new homes purchased by low and moderate-income families.

A Progress Report: 100% of all homeownership programs funded by HOME and NAHTF funds will also be accessing other below market interest rate loan products. DED awarded \$2,418,622 to fund the purchase of 304 homes by new homebuyers.

Objective #2: Support quality homeownership counseling for new homebuyers.

Performance Measurement: Fifty percent of all homeownership programs funded by HOME or NAHTF will provide or assist homebuyers in receiving quality homeownership counseling before the home is purchased. Information on these programs will be gathered and analyzed to determine the number of new homes purchased by low and moderate-income families.

A Progress Report: 100% of the 10 homeownership programs funded by HOME or NAHTF provided or assisted homebuyers in receiving quality homeownership counseling. Two of the ten are working towards homeownership materials in a second language, one in Lakota and one in Spanish. See objectives one and four of this strategy for total number of homes purchased by low-to moderate-income families.

Objective #3: Invest in projects that fund infrastructure in conjunction with new housing for low-to-moderate income homeowners to overcome a barrier to affordable housing.

Performance Measurement: All funds invested in infrastructure in conjunction with new housing development will incorporate funds including any development subsidy, down-payment assistance or closing costs assistance. Information on these programs will be gathered and analyzed to determine the number of new homes purchased by low and moderate-income families.

P Progress Report: \$50,000 for infrastructure was funded for 2 homeownership units. Those two units will also have down-payment assistance or closing costs assistance available. See objectives one and four of this strategy for total number of homes purchased by low-to moderate-income families.

Objective #4: Low-to-moderate income families will be assisted in purchasing homes through organizations funded through the Nebraska Affordable Housing Program, in order to assist some families in moving out of poverty levels and address cost burdens which cause barriers to affordable housing.

Performance Measurement: 40 families will be assisted with purchasing homes through down-payment assistance, closing cost assistance and/or development subsidy to address the gap between new construction costs and appraisal values.

A Progress Report: DED awarded \$2,418,622 to enable 304 low-to moderate-income families to become homeowners.

+ **Strategy Three**

Promote an adequate supply of quality affordable, appropriate rental housing as a choice when homeownership is not a feasible option for low and moderate-income individuals, families, including persons with special housing needs.

The Department will continue to work closely with the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA) in coordinating the use of Low-Income Housing Tax Credits with Nebraska Affordable Housing Program funds to effectively fund rental development in the state. The NAHP rental housing applications will be provided to the Technical Assistance Review Process (TARP) Team. TARP members consist of staff from NIFA, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture – Rural Development (USDA-RD), Nebraska Energy Office (NEO) and the Nebraska Historical Society. TARP members meet once a month. After a discussion with the TARP team, the DED staff review and score applications for funding.

Objective #1: Analyze data from the statewide housing market study to determine the types of rental needs in the eastern, central and western regions.

Performance Measurement: At the completion of the statewide housing market study, the number of rental units needed will be identified. Based on those findings, appropriate funds will be allocated to promote new rental housing developments. See performance measure for Strategy 1, Objective 1.

P Progress Report: The Housing Market Report became available in May 2002, the rental information contained in the report is being analyzed for use in the 2003 program year.

Objective #2: Invest in new construction and rehabilitation of rental housing projects (including public housing) for low and moderate income families with a priority for projects with close proximity to quality jobs and quality affordable childcare.

Performance Measurement: Information on these programs will be gathered and analyzed to determine the number of newly constructed and rehabilitated rental units. It is anticipated that 75% of family rental projects invested in will be located within 60 miles of quality jobs and quality affordable childcare.

A Progress Report: \$831,935 was award to communities and non-profit organizations to rehabilitate 159 affordable rental units. \$1,470,182 was awarded for the construction of 107 new rental units for low-to-moderate income persons. 100% of these are located within 60 miles of quality jobs and quality affordable childcare.

Objective #3: Invest in new construction and rehabilitation of rental housing projects for persons with special housing needs giving a priority for projects with close proximity to medical and support services, including public housing.

Performance Measurement: Information on these programs will be gathered and analyzed to determine the number of newly constructed and rehabilitated rental units. It is anticipated that 75% of newly constructed and rehabilitated rental units invested in will be located within 30 miles of medical and support services.

A Progress Report: \$831,935 was award to communities and non-profit organizations to rehabilitate 159 affordable rental units. \$1,470,182 was awarded for the construction of 107 new rental units for low-to-moderate income persons. 100% of these are located within 30 miles of medical and support services.

Objective #4: Invest in new rental housing projects that are ready for implementation.

Performance Measurement: Rental projects will be completed within 12 months following Release of funds. All rental projects will be completed within 12 months of Release of Funds. This information will be tracked on DED computerized grant management tracking system.

R Progress Report: Eight rental projects began in October 2001 and continue to-date. The completion status of all eight projects is being carefully monitored through the department's computerized grant management tracking system. To-date none have been completed.

+ **Strategy Four**

Support and facilitate an active and effective regional continuum of care planning and delivery system" focusing on a comprehensive approach to housing and service delivery to people who are homeless and near homeless.

Objective #1: DED will distribute the Nebraska Homeless Assistance Program (NHAP) funds through formula process according to the populations and homeless needs identified in the Nebraska Homeless Assistance Regions. Eligible organizations will submit short form applications for funding to DED. The Department panel will recommend funding levels to the Governor's Office up to the total amount of the Regional Allocation.

Performance Measurement: Existing shelter programs, homeless prevention and supportive services will be expanded and better coordinated through the regional provider groups. Data collection from regional provider groups, participants in the HUD Supportive Housing Program (SHP), in conjunction with DED's computerized grant management tracking system will provide improved reporting mechanisms and regional and statewide analysis of the priority needs of the homeless or at-risk of homelessness population.

R Progress Report: During the 2001 Program Year the ESG Program was transferred from DED to the Nebraska Health and Human Services Systems. There was no break in services during the transition. The DED computerized grants management tracking system is no longer relevant.

Objective #2: Conduct a statewide housing market study, which will include assessments of need for housing in the western, central, and eastern regions for historically under served populations, including homeless and near-homeless families and individuals.

Performance Measurement: Partner with organizations such as the Nebraska Health and Human Services System, Nebraska Assistive Technology Partnership, Nebraska AIDS Project and other appropriate agencies to help with the development, implementation, evaluation and maintenance of the information collected in the statewide housing market study as related to the needs of the populations they serve.

N Progress Report: The 2001 Housing Market Report became available in May 2002. It was provided to many partner organizations. The Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness Continuum of Care Committee will discuss this issue and make progress on this issue following the development of the sat HMIS implementation plan for Nebraska. The HMIS project was an unanticipated priority that became apparent during the 2001 Program Year.

+ **Strategy Five**

Identify and address the barriers of homeownership, rental housing, support services, and shelters due to violations of fair housing practices.

Objective #1: A method for updating the Nebraska Fair Housing Strategy will be developed and implemented.

Performance Measurement: Non-profit housing providers and service organizations will be consulted to give input on barriers to fair housing within their regions. The Fair Housing Center, Equal Opportunity Commission, USDA Rural Development Civil Rights Office, and the HUD field office will be solicited for comment and consultation on the methodology.

A Progress Report: The Department adopted a Nebraska revised Fair Housing Strategy in Program Year 2001. The Regional Housing Specialists and other Housing staff discussed fair housing issues in the various regions to gain a greater understanding of universal and regional issues. The 2001 Housing Market Report provided valuable information on barriers and potential barriers to fair housing, which were – a lack of quality housing supply which limits choice, local planning policies and the increase in minority populations in rural communities.

Subsequently the department has developed the following Nebraska Fair Housing Strategy:

- (1) To increase the supply of affordable housing statewide and to increase the quality of housing available statewide in order to promote sufficient choices for all citizens.
2001 Program Year Activity: 337 units of housing were developed and 589 units of housing were rehabilitated
- (2) To promote education of non-profit housing providers, local governments and public housing authorities on fair housing responsibilities through partnering with organizations that are experienced and designated by HUD as agencies qualified to train on fair housing issues to provide training and education.
2001 Program Year Activity: the department partnered with the Lincoln Commission on Human Rights to conduct the First Annual Fair Housing Conference 2002. The Lincoln Commission on Human Rights led the planning and implementation of the conference training. The department actively solicited participation from non-profit housing providers and service organizations statewide.
- (3) To incorporate fair housing into basic training sessions such as CDBG Certified Administrator Training, HOME and NAHTF Project Implementation Consultation and Training to ensure that every subrecipient of DED funding is directly made aware of fair housing rules and strategies to affirmatively further fair housing.
2001 Program Year Activity: 36 community representatives and grant administrators for CDBG were provided a training session on Fair Housing, Civil Rights and Section 504 requirements.
- (4) To require every subrecipient of CDBG, HOME and NAHTF funding to take additional action to affirmatively further fair housing each time that subrecipient is provided project funding.
2001 Program Year Activity: 36 Local Governments, Non-profit housing providers and Public Housing Authorities took action to affirmatively further fair housing

+ Strategy Six

Identify and address a strategy for reduction of lead-based paint hazards in rural areas of the state.

Objective #1: Work closely with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services to evaluate the feasibility of and develop a proposal for a statewide Rural Lead-Based Paint Hazard Evaluation and Reduction Program.

Performance Measurement: The state will receive a funding commitment and execute a technical assistance delivery plan with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Omaha Field Office within 120 days of the funding announcement.

P Progress Report: The Nebraska Health and Human Services System received a funding commitment from HUD on February 1, 2002. HUD approved the technical assistance delivery plan on April 1, 2002. The Nebraska Health and Human Services System contracted for a daily manager on March 25, 2002.

A map of the state of Iowa, divided into 99 counties. Each county is labeled with a number and a name. The map is oriented with the state's outline on the right side. The counties are numbered 1 through 99, and the names are written in all caps. The map is a black and white line drawing.

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| 23. Grand Island Housing Corporation | 37. Blue Valley Community Action |
| 24. Wayne CHDO | 38. Blue Valley Community Action |
| 25. Lincoln County CHDO | 39. Page |
| 26. Pandhandle Community Services | 40. Carroll |
| 27. Mitchell CDC | 41. Western |
| 28. Northeast Housing Initiative | 42. Native Council on Economic and Community Development |
| 29. City of Atkinson | 43. Southwest NE Community Betterment |
| 30. Village of Leigh | 44. Blue Valley Community Action |
| 31. City of Omaha | 45. Central NE Community Services |
| Family Housing Advisory Services | 46. Central NE Community Services |
| Omaha 100, Inc. | 47. Central NE Community Services |
| South Omaha Affordable Housing Corporation | 48. Central NE Community Services |
| Pilgrim/OEDC Development Corporation | 49. Southwest NE Community Betterment |
| New Creations | 50. Southwest NE Community Betterment |
| 22. Syracuse Development Corporation | 51. Southwest NE Community Betterment |
| 33. Nebraska Housing Resource* | 52. Southwest NE Community Betterment |
| Great Plains Paralyzed Veterans of America* | 53. Southwest NE Community Betterment |
| 34. Housing Agency of the City of Beatrice | 54. Mid-Nebraska Community Action |
| Blue Valley Community Action | 55. Southeast NE Affordable Housing Council |
| 35. Blue Valley Community Action | |

**Nebraska Department of Economic Development
Affordable Housing Program
2001 Awards**

Project Number	Applicant	Project Activities	Amount Awarded
01HO101	City of Scottsbluff	Owner Occupied Rehabilitation	\$350,000
01HO201	Village of Oconto	Owner Occupied Rehabilitation	\$400,000
01HO202	Village of Wausa	Owner Occupied Rehabilitation	\$271,500
01HO203	City of Ainsworth	Owner Occupied Rehabilitation	\$305,000
01HO204	City of Bloomfield	Owner Occupied Rehabilitation	\$210,000
01HO302	Village of Stratton	Owner Occupied Rehabilitation	\$276,500
01HO303	City of Lexington	Owner Occupied Rehabilitation	\$341,000
01HO401	City of Franklin	Owner Occupied Rehabilitation	\$250,000
01HO402	City of Harvard	Owner Occupied Rehabilitation	\$250,000
01HO403	City of Hastings	Owner Occupied Rehabilitation	\$400,000
01HO501	Village of Decatur	Owner Occupied Rehabilitation	\$400,000
01HO502	Village of Pilger	Owner Occupied Rehabilitation	\$400,000
01HO503	City of West Point	Owner Occupied Rehabilitation	\$400,000
01HO506	City of Fremont	Owner Occupied Rehabilitation	\$400,000
01HO508	City of Plainview	Owner Occupied Rehabilitation	\$400,000
01HO603	City of Humboldt	Owner Occupied Rehabilitation	\$400,000
01HO605	Village of Avoca	Owner Occupied Rehabilitation	\$233,450
01CH00101	Blue Valley Community Action	Operating	\$25,000
01CH00102	Blue Valley Community Action	New Construction Multi-Family Rental	\$400,000
01CH00801	SE Nebraska Affordable Housing	Operating	\$25,000
01CH00901	SB/T/G CDC	Operating	\$20,000
01CH01201	Elkhorn Valley CDC	Operating	\$15,000
01CH01301	Hastings/Adams CHDC	Operating	\$24,203
01CH01501	High Plains Community Develop.	Operating	\$15,000
01CH01701	Keith County CHDO	Operating	\$13,430
01CH01801	Grand Island Area Housing Corp	Operating	\$25,000
01CH02001	Wayne CHDO	Operating	\$14,500
01CH02201	Lincoln County CDC	Operating	\$25,000
01CH02401	Panhandle Community Services	Operating	\$25,000
01CH02602	Mitchell CDC	Purchase/Rehab/Resale	\$63,750
01CH10101	Northeast Housing Initiative	Operating	\$10,000
01CH10102	Northeast Housing Initiative	Purchase/Rehab/Resale	\$415,000
01OE00702	Central NE Community Services	Housing Rehab	\$400,000

01TFHP202	City of Atkinson	Owner Occupied Rehabilitation	\$400,000
01TFHP302	Southwest NE Comm.	Owner Occupied Rehabilitation	\$333,900
01TFHP402	Hastings/Adams CHDC	Downpayment Assistance	\$94,500
01TFHP403	Mid-Nebraska Community Action	Owner Occupied Rehabilitation	\$400,000
01TFHP501	Village of Leigh	Downpayment Assistance	\$400,000
01TFHP503	Elkhorn Valley CDC	Purchase/Rehab/Resale	\$410,000
01TFTA001	Nebraska Housing Resource	New Construction Affordable Homes	\$40,000
01TFRH301	Keith County CHDO	New Construction Rental	\$401,400
01TFTA703	Family Housing Advisory Services	Technical Assistance	\$25,000
01TFTA704	Omaha 100, Inc.	Technical Assistance	\$25,000
01TFTA702	South Omaha Affordable Housing Corp.	Technical Assistance	\$25,000
01TFPD605	Syracuse Development Corp.	Predevelopment	\$17,000
01TFATP001	Great Plains Paralyzed Veterans of America	Making Homes Assessible	\$200,000
01TFHP701	City of Omaha		\$445,238
01TFHP801	City of Lincoln	New Construction Homeownership	\$230,134
01TFHP001	Nebraska Housing Resource	New Construction Homeownership	\$100,000
01TFPD801	Southeast Nebraska Affordable Housing Council	Predevelopment	\$56,380
01TFPD605	Housing Agency of the City of Beatrice	Predevelopment	\$17,500
01TFRH104	Cirrus House, Inc.	New Construction Rental	\$385,182
01TFRH702	Pilgrim/OEDC Development Corp	New Construction Rental	\$50,000
01TFIN602	Blue Valley Community Action	Site Improvements	\$50,000
01TFRH201	KPCC Housing Corporation	New Construction Rental	\$50,000
01SR10302	City of Omaha	Rental Rehabilitation	\$500,000
01CH00104	Blue Valley Community Action	New Construction Rental	\$585,000
01CH00103	Blue Valley Community Action	Rental Rehabilitation	\$231,935
01TFRH701	New Creations	Rental Rehabilitation	\$100,000
01TFPD202	Page	Predevelopment	\$10,000
01TFPD501	Carroll	Predevelopment	\$10,000
01TFPD604	Western	Predevelopment	\$10,000
01TFTA502	Native Council on Economic and Community Development	Technical Assistance	\$25,000
01TFTA801	Nebraska Association of CHDOs	Technical Assistance	\$25,000
01TFTA301	Southwest NE Comm. Betterment	Technical Assistance	\$25,000
		Total	\$12,881,502

**Nebraska Homeless Assistance Program
2001 Awards
HSATF and ESG**

Grant Number	Applicant Name	2001 ESGP Awarded	2001 HSATF Awarded	2001 NHAP Awarded (TOTAL)
01-NHAP-102	Family Rescue Shelter dba Family Rescue Services	\$24,147	\$8,260	\$32,407
01-NHAP-103	NWNCAC	\$7,235	\$19,765	\$27,000
01-NHAP-104	Panhandle Community Services	\$8,945	\$41,055	\$50,000
01-NHAP-105	NAF Multicultural Human Development Corporation	\$1,343	\$3,630	\$4,973
01-NHAP-101	Scotts Bluff County Domestic Violence Task Force		\$17,812	\$17,812
01-NHAP-201	Center for Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Survivors	\$2,332	\$14,108	\$16,440
01-NHAP-202	Bright Horizons: Resources for Survivors	\$6,319	\$13,516	\$19,835
01-NHAP-203	Crisis Center, Inc.	\$11,127	\$13,873	\$25,000
01-NHAP-204	NWNCAC	\$587	\$2,213	\$2,800
01-NHAP-205	Central Nebraska Community Services, Inc.	\$31,393	\$88,607	\$120,000
01-NHAP-206	Community Humanitarian Resource Center, Inc.	\$8,215	\$27,985	\$36,200
01-NHAP-207	The Salvation Army	\$4,502	\$5,398	\$9,900
01-NHAP-208	Cedars Youth Services	\$18,000		\$18,000
01-NHAP-301	Residential Assistance to Families in Transition (R.A.F.T.)		\$24,000	\$24,000
01-NHAP-302	Sandhills Crisis Intervention Program	\$6,265	\$17,735	\$24,000
01-NHAP-303	Dawson County Parent Child Protective Services, Inc.	\$3,410	\$31,590	\$35,000
01-NHAP-304	Rape/Domestic Abuse Program of North Platte	\$19,680	\$30,320	\$50,000
01-NHAP-305	The Spouse/Sexual Abuse Family Education	\$10,535	\$11,465	\$22,000
01-NHAP-306	Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault Services	\$11,075	\$13,925	\$25,000
01-NHAP-307	Lincoln County Community Services, Inc.	\$18,095	\$36,905	\$55,000
01-NHAP-308	NAF Multicultural Human Development Corporation	\$5,000		\$5,000

Grant Number	Applicant Name	2001 ESGP Awarded	2001 HSATF Awarded	2001 NHAP Awarded (TOTAL)
01-NHAP-309	Mid-Nebraska Community Action, Inc		\$50,000	\$50,000
01-NHAP-310	Community Service Center, Inc.	\$5,000		\$5,000
01-NHAP-402	Crossroads Center	\$33,792	\$23,208	\$57,000
01-NHAP-403	Spouse Abuse/Sexual Assault Crisis Center	\$18,000		\$18,000
01-NHAP-404	Catholic Social Services/Family Support Srvs	\$14,000		\$14,000
01-NHAP-405	Catholic Social Services/Supportive Housing PM		\$8,000	\$8,000
01-NHAP-406	Project Response, Inc.	\$33,673		\$33,673
01-NHAP-407	Blue Valley Community Action, Inc.	\$25,040	\$76,960	\$102,000
01-NHAP-408	Mid-Nebraska Community Action, Inc	\$12,575	\$9,925	\$22,500
01-NHAP-409	Southeast Nebraska Community Action	\$14,170	\$25,830	\$40,000
01-NHAP-410	Genesis Personal Development Center, Inc.	\$10,000	\$12,000	\$22,000
01-NHAP-411	Family Service - Bellevue	\$12,435	\$44,565	\$57,000
01-NHAP-501	Temporary Housing Action Team, Inc	\$5,400	\$2,100	\$7,500
01-NHAP-502	Crisis Center for Domestic Abuse Sexual Assault	\$15,584	\$37,904	\$53,488
01-NHAP-503	Bright Horizons: Resources for Survivors	\$6,820	\$33,841	\$40,661
01-NHAP-504	Goldenrod Hills Community Services, Inc.	\$41,082	\$75,201	\$116,283
01-NHAP-505	Haven House Family Service Center	\$7,224	\$16,304	\$23,528
01-NHAP-506	Care Corps Inc	\$44,800	\$22,000	\$66,800
01-HSATF-601	Cedars Youth Services		\$45,000	\$45,000
01-HSATF-602	Day Watch		\$25,200	\$25,200
01-HSATF-603	Fresh Start		\$20,900	\$20,900
01-HSATF-604	Friendship Home		\$42,100	\$42,100
01-HSATF-605	Houses of Hope		\$15,000	\$15,000
01-HSATF-606	Lincoln Action Program, Inc		\$58,700	\$58,700
01-HSATF-607	People's City Mission		\$43,100	\$43,100
01HSATF-702	Sal. Army-37th Street		\$20,000	\$20,000
01HSATF-703	Cath. Charities-The Women's Shelter		\$5,000	\$5,000

Grant Number	Applicant Name	2001 ESGP Awarded	2001 HSATF Awarded	2001 NHAP Awarded (TOTAL)
01HSATF-704	Sal. Army-TCP		\$30,850	\$30,850
01HSATF-705	Child Saving Institute		\$28,000	\$28,000
01HSATF-706	Siena/Francis Rec. Prgm.		\$25,500	\$25,500
01HSATF-707	New Creations		\$85,000	\$85,000
01HSATF-708	Sal. Army-Harrington Homes		\$20,500	\$20,500
01HSATF-709	Sal. Army - Scattered Site		\$15,000	\$15,000
01HSATF-711	Stephen Ctr - HERO Prgm.		\$28,000	\$28,000
01HSATF-712	Family Hsg Advisory Services		\$18,000	\$18,000
01HSATF-713	Cath. Charities-Juan Diego Center		\$10,000	\$10,000
01HSATF-714	Community Alliance		\$30,000	\$30,000
01HSATF-715	Hope Medical		\$29,425	\$29,425
01HSATF-716	Visiting Nurses Assn		\$29,425	\$29,425
01HSATF-717	Sal. Army - Material Asst		\$15,300	\$15,300
01HSATF-719	Camp Fire		\$10,000	\$10,000
TOTALS		\$497,800	\$1,510,000	\$2,007,800

Section Three: Community Development Priority

*Strengthen Nebraska communities through
community development programs and services.*

Strategies, Objectives & Measurements

The four (4) Five-year strategies developed to meet this priority are:

- + Assist Communities and counties with strategic planning that results in long-term development investments**
- + Improve the quality of water and waste-water in Nebraska**
- + Assist in development and financing of appropriate infrastructure for communities and counties that have planned and set priorities for long-term development**
- + Strengthen technical assistance for community improvement**

Background

The following is a report on the activities the state plans to undertake during the next year to target non-housing community development problems in the three funding categories that DED competitively allocates CDBG funds. Resources must be targeted to serious problems affecting the local economic base or those affecting public health, welfare, or safety. DED structures its community development CDBG allocations around three funding categories: water wastewater, public works, and planning. The types of projects funded, the priorities and the objectives for each category are listed in the State's Consolidated Plan. Lastly, the state has an obligation to more effectively coordinate its delivery system for community development programs, services, and funding.

As an example of a serious problem, many rural communities within Nebraska simply do not have facilities such as community buildings, care centers, and medical clinics. Because they are lacking in one or more of these facilities, the community is often in jeopardy of losing their economic base to another nearby community that can offer these services. Other communities may have these facilities, but have outgrown them or the facilities have become economically obsolete. As another example, this level of seriousness is often manifested in water and sewer infrastructure problems. These problems often occur in communities that lack a public water/sewer system or have a deteriorated facility. Other communities have outgrown the water and wastewater systems available to them. Some of these systems no longer meet the requirements set forth by the Environmental Protection Agency. Other equally serious problems with infrastructure exist.

State Community Development resources must also be directed toward problems that are resolvable.

- Applicants must show that work on their projects can be started promptly.
- Community development problems are serious as compared to problems identified in all the applications received.
- Projects will resolve community development problems in a reasonable period of time.

The CDBG Advisory Committee and the Economic Development Commission

CDBG strategies result from over fifteen years of consultation with local communities and public comment. The selection criteria and priorities outlined in the CDBG section of this Action Plan were also developed with advice and consent of the CDBG Advisory Committee and the Economic Development Commission. Priorities and strategies support the state's anti-poverty strategy of creating jobs with livable wages, and are directed toward both workers and employers. The efforts for workers include assuring that education, job training, and skill development programs adequately prepare them for the jobs that are

available. The business efforts include providing economic assistance, tax credits, and loans that attract new firms, retain/expand existing ones, especially businesses that hire low and very low-income people.

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The CDBG Advisory Committee, created in 1986, regularly consults with DED regarding the state's CDBG Program. The committee helps determine community development objectives, state priorities, and fund distribution guidelines. Committee members are appointed by the Economic Development Commission upon recommendation of DED.

Actions for the 2001 Program Year

The four community development strategies listed above each have objectives and measurements that were planned by the state for the 2001 Program Year. The objectives and performance measurements that were planned for the four community development strategies are listed below along with a progress report detailing the headway made under each performance measurement during the 2001 program year. The following rating system is used to evaluate the measurements that were accomplished during the program year:

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+ Strategy One

Assist communities and counties with strategic planning that results in long term development investments.

Objective #1: Invest CDBG funds in local and regional studies and plans that result in quality projects.

Performance Measurement: By June 30, 2002, the state will use the management tracking system to assist in data collection and analysis of planning studies regionally and locally. Up to \$446,799 of the 2001 annual CDBG allocation will be awarded for local and regional plans, of which \$100,000 is reserved for Planning for Capacity Building. The state will invest in 15 local and regional projects by June 30, 2002 that impact the implementation of economic development, community development and housing projects.

A Progress Report: The state continues to collect final planning products from local grantees. An analysis of the impact of planning projects at the regional and local level continues. The data collected is being stored in the management tracking system. The state awarded \$337,600 to 22 local governments for the development and implementation of local and regional plans. These projects will impact economic development, community development and housing projects.

Objective #2: Invest CDBG funds in technical assistance and training to local government officials for building capacity in the management and implementation of community planning.

Performance Measurement: up to \$154,570 of the 2001 CDBG funds will be allocated to these activities. The number of training sessions offered and attendees will be tracked annually for program benefit. The state will provide technical assistance to local planning officials. This assistance will include the continuation of electronic and telecommunication tools with a web-conference board and CD-ROM training implemented by June 30, 2002. The state will provide technical assistance to local grant administrators and establish on-line and CD-ROM tools for web-site access and document submission and reporting by June 30, 2002.

P Progress Report: The Department independently continued implementation of the CDBG Certified Administrators Program. The Department contracted with the Nebraska Chapter of the American Planning Association to provide training on planning issues for local officials statewide. The Department in collaboration with the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and the University Division of Continuing Studies is developing a distance learning project built on the Planning Commission Fundamentals Handbook. The continued development of an on-line training through a web-site access is in preparation along with the availability of planning resource documents for access by local planning officials.

The Department provided five training sessions to 123 registrants that included environmental and CDBG administration for building the capacity of local officials and administrators in the implementation of the CDBG Program. The Nebraska Chapter APA in collaboration with the NE Planning and Zoning Association conducted a 3-day statewide institute on land use management issues attended by more than 300 persons. Those in attendance represented several communities preparing and implementing planning projects funded through CDBG Program. The University of Nebraska Division of Continuing Studies demonstrated the web-site on-line planning officials site to 225 local planning officials at the NE Planning and Zoning Association's annual conference. The 2nd phase of the project is in process. The development of the project continues to expand into courses for Planning for Citizen Planners. A CD-ROM version of the planning officials' handbook is being developed.

Objective #3: Promote and implement NCIP to assist and recognize efforts in community organizing, leadership development and project implementation.

Performance Measurement: Approximately 70 communities will participate in the 2001 Nebraska Community Improvement Program.

A Progress Report: 82 communities participated in the Nebraska Community Improvement Program (NCIP). NCIP provides recognition for overall community and economic development excellence and outstanding projects. NCIP also encourages communities to implement a planning process with citizen participation, and develop leadership development strategies.

Objective #4: Encourage private sector involvement in the Community Development Assistance Act.

Performance Measurement: Track information to insure that 100% of the CDAA tax credits allocated are utilized or claimed

A Progress Report: 100% of CDAA tax credits in the amount of \$250,000 were awarded. The CDAA review team has developed application criteria that emphasizes the applicants ability to raise money from the private sector to increase the amount of tax credits that are claimed. In addition, marketing efforts were stepped up to attract quality projects that could demonstrate a direct impact on alleviating the distress criteria set forth by the legislature.

+ **Strategy Two**

Improve the quality of water and wastewater in Nebraska.

Objective #1: Use a coordinated application process to fund priority projects that leverage other available financial resources and are ready to promptly start and complete construction within 24 months.

Performance Measurement: Approximately 50 pre-applications will be reviewed with up to 15% of those reviewed funded by CDBG. It is estimated that \$2 million will be invested in these water/waste water projects. DED's computerized grant management tracking system will be utilized to identify and report these projects. If deemed necessary, appropriate changes will be made to the coordinated application process.

A Progress Report: 51 pre-applications were reviewed with 16% of those reviewed funded by CDBG. CDBG invested \$2,000,000 in water/waste water projects. DED's computerized grant management tracking system was utilized to identify and report these projects.

+ **Strategy Three**

Assist in development and financing of appropriate infrastructure for communities and counties that have planned and set priorities for long-term development.

Objective #1: DED Regional Teams will provide technical assistance to fifty (50) communities, organizations and individuals on capacity building, project development, CDBG financing and implementation.

Performance Measurement: Each DED Regional Team will update its program of work that sets forth projected goals for community visits, technical assistance delivery and project development. These programs of work will include quantifiable benchmarks with timetables and numerical targets that support housing, community and economic development. Regional Teams will develop a standard reporting system that provides data on projects planned, developed and implemented as a result of community visits and technical assistance delivery.

R Progress Report: Each DED Regional Team (East, Central, West) developed programs of work, which included goals for implementation of the Nebraska Targeted Industry Study and Business Retention and Expansion Survey. Business Retention and Expansion Surveys were done in 21 counties with a total of 413 businesses participating. Regional Teams also developed a system to provide data on projects in each of their regions.

Objective #2: Invest CDBG funds in quality projects, which are identified in a formal community plan, compliment or support related community investments, leverage maximum private and/or other investment, have reasonable plans for long-term operation and maintenance, and are ready to start and complete construction within 24 months.

Performance Measurement: Approximately 7 projects will be funded annually, leveraging up to \$2 million in other public and private funds. DED's computerized grant management tracking system will be utilized to identify and report these projects.

A Progress Report: 10 projects were funded with \$2,158,000 in CDBG funds. These funds leveraged \$2,833,800 in other public and private funds.

Objective #3: Evaluate the application, review, ranking and selection process and make necessary changes for improvement.

Performance Measurement: Conduct, with the local governments and non-profits, the feasibility of putting the application guidelines and forms on DED's web page. Determine the capacity of local governments to transmit applications electronically. Implement changes to the application process by June 30, 2002.

R Progress Report: DED staff worked with local government representatives and organizations to make improvements to applications. Applications and forms are systematically located on DED's web-site for organizations and local governments to access and use instead of paper delivered forms. Several local governments demonstrated by comments over the phone and e-mail that the on-line approach for accessing program applications and forms is acceptable. DED staff continues collaboration with advisory committees and the public to implement changes to the application process.

+ **Strategy Four** **Strengthen technical assistance for community improvement.**

Objective #1: Identify and develop resources to assist communities in community organizing, leadership development, funding sources and project implementation.

Performance Measurement: Maintain partnerships with other funding providers to help leverage dollars for community projects. Develop or update a Project Networking Guide and a Foundation Resource Directory. Investigate the feasibility of an interactive Web Site and community level databases and issue a report by June 30, 2002. Provide up to 1% of annual CDBG allocation for training opportunities that will build capacity at the local level. Support NCIP, Certification Workshops and Modules, Technical Assistance Application Workshops, Nebraska Clerks School, environmental and lead-based Paint Training.

P Progress Report: The Project Networking Guide was updated. The Guide is designed to help community leaders transform their ideas into reality through networking with other communities, and learning from their successes and challenges. Approximately 400 improvement projects, with contact names and phone numbers are listed.

The Foundation Resource Directory was revised. This directory is a list of private foundations that give in Nebraska. National organizations that track foundations and grants are also provided, for persons who want to expand their research efforts. The goal is to update this document every three years.

NCIP held videoconferences and workshops to explain NCIP, assist communities with their participation and assist communities with their award nominations. The workshops introduced the new streamlined format and program changes for 2001. Sites included: Ainsworth, Kearney, Norfolk, Lincoln, North Platte, Scottsbluff, Potter, Benkelman, Petersburg, and Wymore. Workshop sites included South Sioux City, Ord, Hubbell and Sidney. Additional workshops were held to explain judging criteria, nominations, and prepare applications in Farnam, Sidney, Bridgeport, Silver Creek, Bassett, Belvidere, Kearney, Lincoln, McCook, Norfolk, and North Platte.

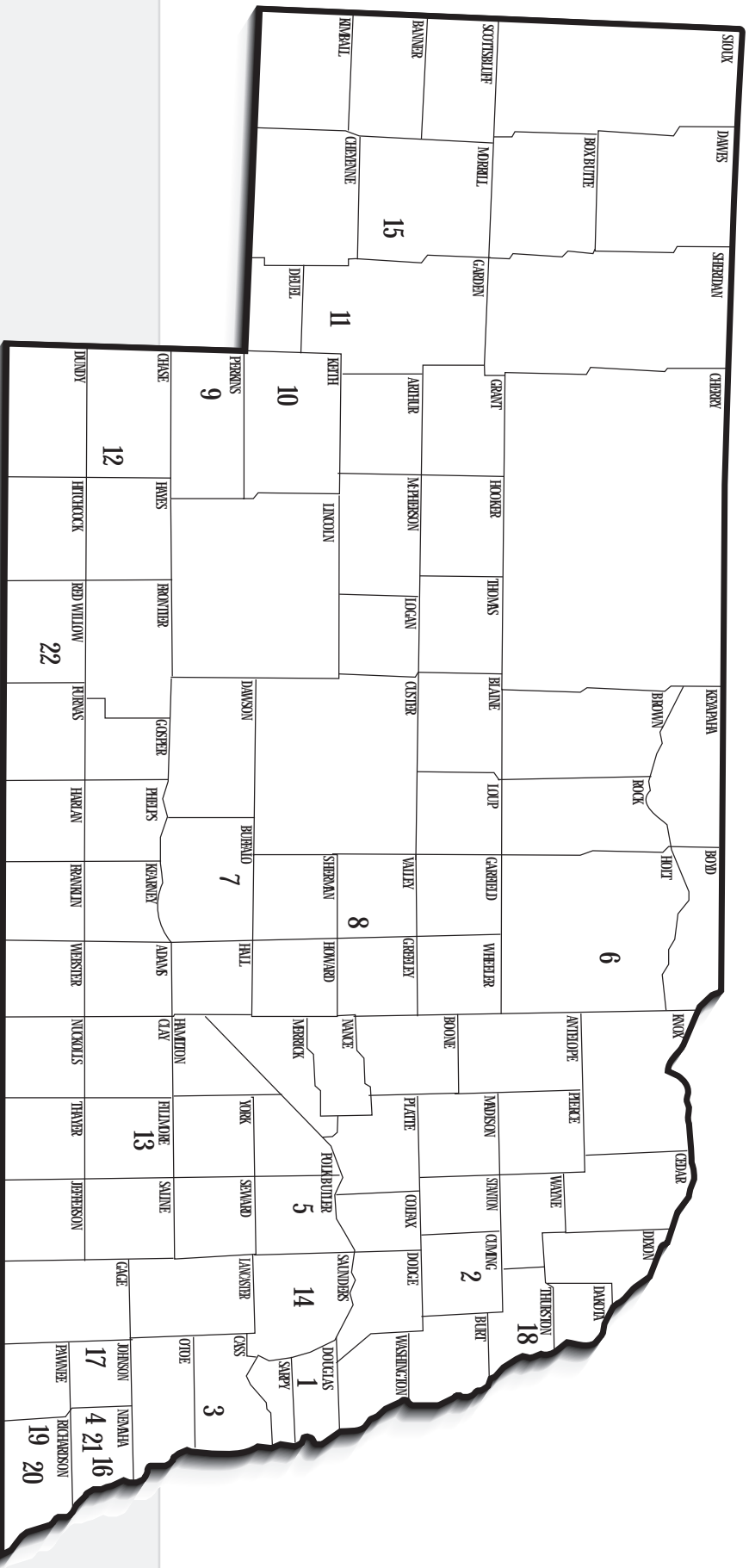
Department Staff conducted 4 technical assistance application workshops during the 2000 program year. The workshops were conducted in Lincoln, Kearney, Norfolk and Bridgeport.

Two environmental training workshops were held in North Platte and Columbus. The workshops provided guidance on meeting the federal and state requirements that pertain to environmental review for housing, public facility, public works and economic development projects. Topics that were covered included: framework for environmental review, evaluating the project, determining level of review and compliance with related statutes, public notices, submitting environmental

certification, maintaining review record and changes to the project. Approximately 60 people attended the workshops.

During the program year DED organized several lead-based paint trainings. The instructors for the courses were from the National Center for Lead Safe Housing. Approximately 500 contractors attended a one-day workshop that went over the construction contractor responsibilities of HUD lead-based paint regulations.

2001 CDBG Planning Category Awards



1. Village of Waterloo
2. Village of Bancroft
3. Village of Nehawka
4. Village of Johnson
5. Butler County
6. City of O'Neill
7. Village of Pleasanton
8. Village of North Loup

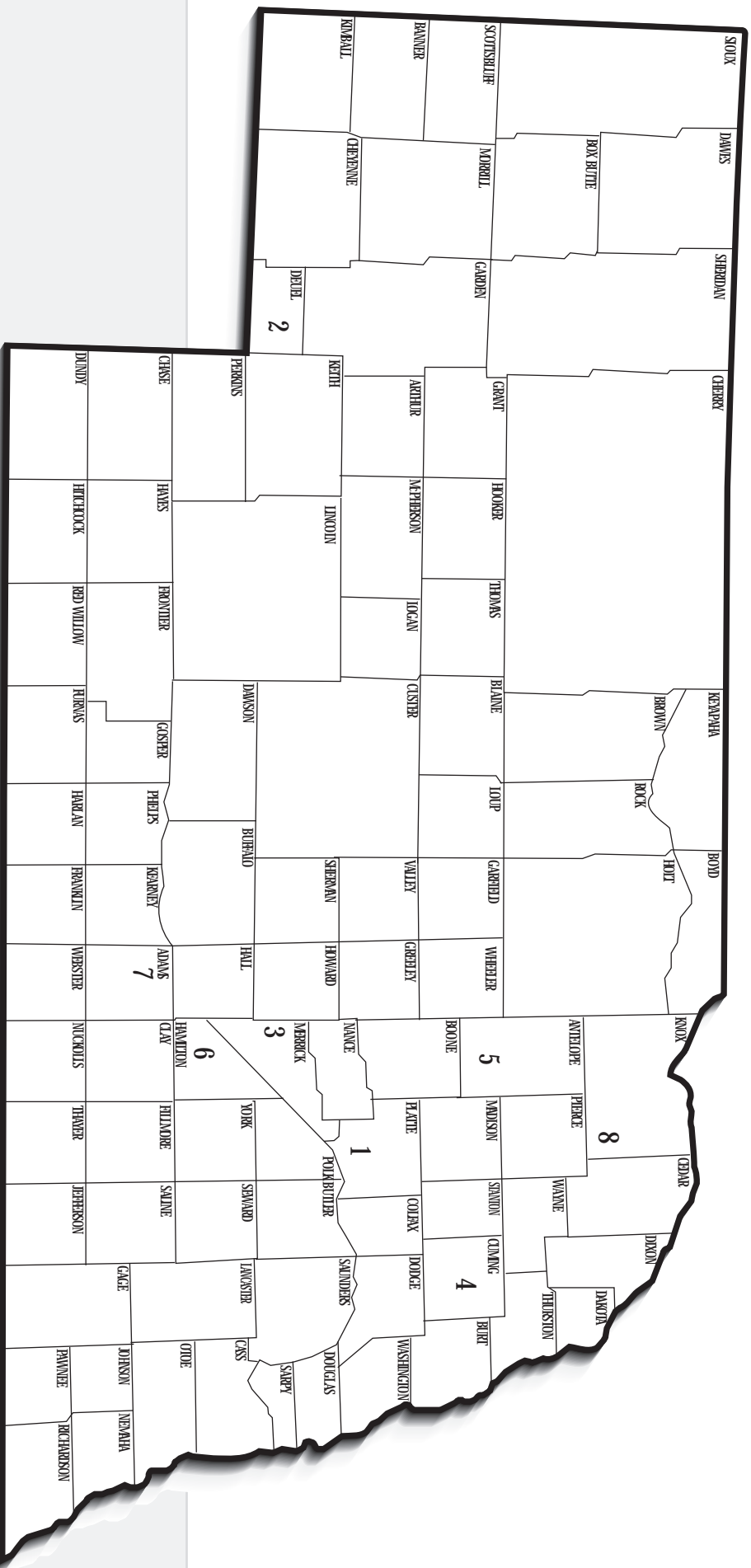
9. City of Grant
10. Village of Brule
11. Village of Lewellen
12. Village of Wauneta
13. Village of Fairmont
14. Village of Colon
15. Village of Broadwater
16. Village of Brownville

17. Village of Crab Orchard
18. Village of Winnebago
19. City of Humboldt
20. City of Falls City
21. City of Auburn
22. Village of Bartley

**Nebraska Department of Economic Development
Community Development Block Grant Program
2001 Awards
Planning Category**

Project Number	Applicant	Project Activities	Amount Awarded
01PP001	Village of Waterloo	Annexation Study	\$3,400
01PP003	Village of Bancroft	Study of Water System and Sewer Collection System	\$22,700
01PP004	Village of Nehawka	Comprehensive Plan	\$9,400
01PP005	Village of Johnson	Downtown Revitalization Plan	\$25,000
01PP006	Butler County	Joint Strategic Development Plan	\$39,500
01PP007	City of O'Neill	Comprehensive Plan	\$24,600
01PP008	Village of Pleasanton	Comprehensive Plan and Substandard Analysis	\$13,000
01PP009	Village of North Loup	Infrastructure Search and Mapping	\$6,500
01PP010	City of Grant	Comprehensive Plan	\$11,600
01PP011	Village of Brule	Regional Strategic Planning Assistance Program	\$12,800
01PP012	Village of Lewellen	Water System Study	\$8,000
01PP013	Village of Wauneta	Comprehensive Plan	\$16,725
01PP014	Village of Fairmont	Storm sewer and drainage study	\$18,100
01PP015	Village of Colon	Comprehensive Plan	\$8,300
01PP016	Village of Broadwater	Comprehensive Plan	\$9,500
01PP017	Village of Brownville	Comprehensive Plan	\$20,200
01PP018	Village of Crab Orchard	Water Distribution and Storage System Analysis	\$3,875
01PP019	Village of Winnebago	Comprehensive Plan	\$25,000
01PP021	City of Humboldt	Blight and Substandard Study	\$9,000
01PP022	City of Falls City	Site Evaluation for Workforce Development Center	\$20,500
01PP023	City of Auburn	Blight and Substandard Study	\$15,500
01PP024	Village of Bartley	School District Consolidation Impact Analysis and Strategic Plan	\$14,400
		TOTAL CDBG AWARDED	\$337,600

2001 CDBG Water/Wastewater Category Awards



1. Village of Duncan
2. Village of Big Springs
3. Village of Palmer

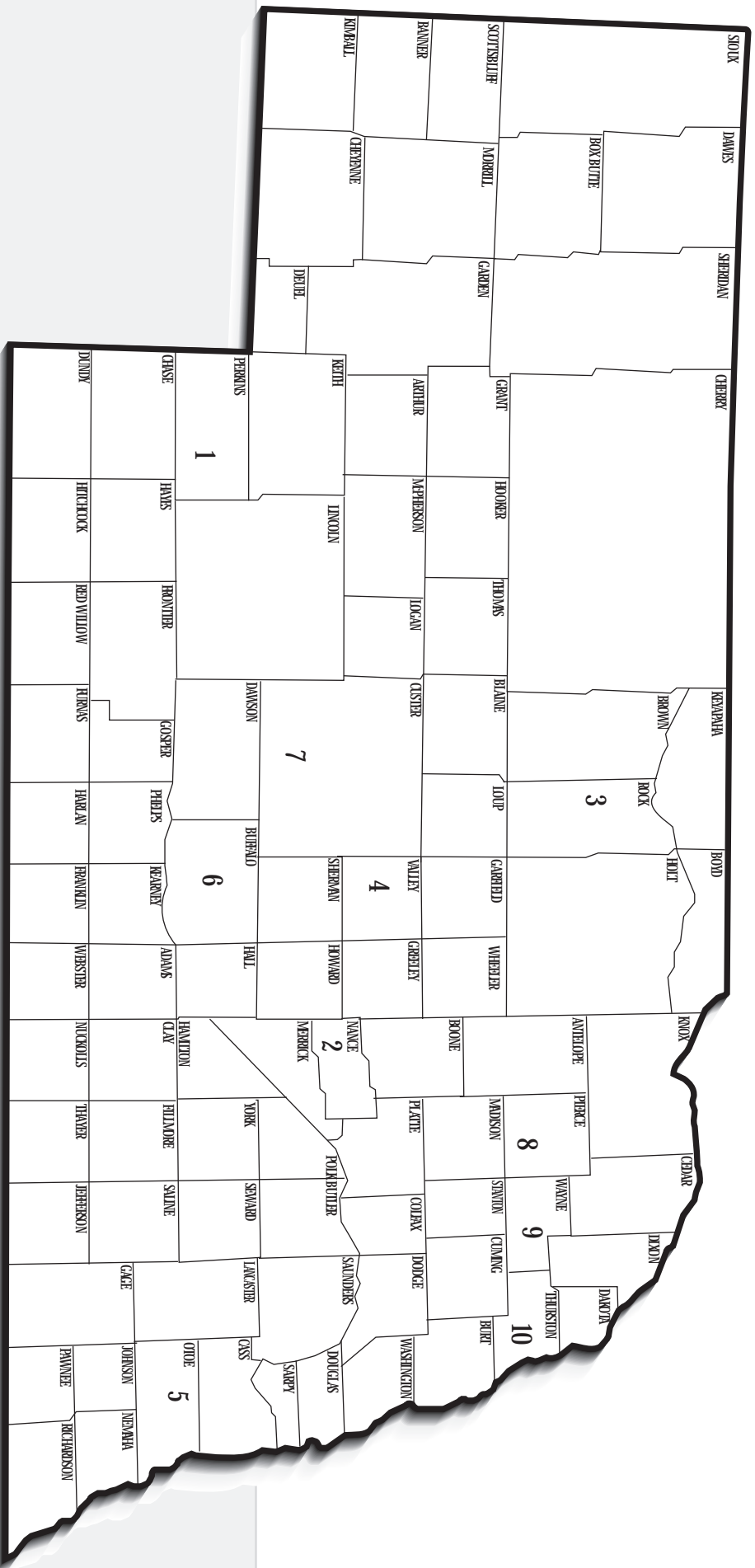
4. Village of Beemer
5. Village of Oakdale
6. Village of Giltner

7. Village of Prosser
8. Village of Wausa

**Nebraska Department of Economic Development
Community Development Block Grant Program
2001 Awards
Water/Wastewater Category**

Project Number	Applicant	Project Activities	Amount Awarded
01WW002	Village of Duncan	Water Source/Well	\$250,000
01WW003	Village of Big Springs	Water System	\$250,000
01WW004	Village of Palmer	Water System	\$250,000
01WW005	Village of Beemer	Water System	\$250,000
01WW006	Village of Oakdale	Water System	\$250,000
01WW007	Village of Giltner	Water System	\$250,000
01WW008	Village of Prosser	Water System	\$250,000
01WW009	Village of Wausa	Water System	\$250,000
		TOTAL CDBG AWARDED	\$2,000,000

2001 CDBG Community Development Category Awards



1. Village of Madrid
2. City of Fullerton
3. City of Bassett
4. City of Ord

5. Village of Otoe
6. Village of Riverdale
7. Village of Oconto
8. City of Pierce

9. City of Wayne
10. Village of Winnebago

**Nebraska Department of Economic Development
Community Development Block Grant Program
2001 Awards
Community Development Category**

Project Number	Applicant	Project Activities	Amount Awarded
01PW001	Village of Madrid	Street Improvements	\$163,000
01PW003	City of Fullerton	Street Improvements	\$250,000
01PW004	City of Bassett	Street Improvements, Storm Sewer, Water Transmissions	\$249,500
01PW005	City of Ord	Drainage Improvement Project	\$199,200
01PW006	Village of Otoe	Street Improvement Project	\$146,200
01PW007	Village of Riverdale	Construct Community Center	\$150,000
01PW009	Village of Oconto	Community/Senior Center	\$165,000
01PW011	City of Pierce	Street Improvements	\$250,000
01PW012	City of Wayne	Construction of Community Youth Center	\$350,000
01PW013	Village of Winnebago	Street Improvements	\$235,100
		TOTAL CDBG AWARDED	\$2,158,000

Section Four: Economic Development

*Develop economic opportunities by keeping
Nebraska's industries, people and places competitive.*

Strategies, Objectives & Measurements

The three (3) five-year strategies developed to meet this priority are:

- + Keep Nebraska's Industries Competitive
- + Keep Nebraska's Places Competitive
- + Keep Nebraska's People Competitive

Background

The primary objective of this priority is to develop viable communities and counties by expanding economic opportunities, principally for Low to Moderate Income (LMI) persons. The state CDBG objective of the Economic Development category is to support businesses, including cooperatives, which expand the state's economic base and create quality jobs for persons in the low-and moderate income levels.

The following is a report on the activities the state plans to undertake during the next year to target economic development activities for CDBG funds. The CDBG allocations for economic development are structured around economic development and business development. Resources must be targeted to serious problems affecting the local economic base which include loss of population in 70 of 93 counties, inequitable distribution of income in the metro and non-metro areas, and the need for increased subsidy for food and housing.

The Economic Development Commission and CDBG Advisory Committee

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The Nebraska Manufacturing Extension Partnership is a statewide center administered by the DED, established in 1994. The Nebraska Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) was formed specifically to help Nebraska Manufacturers build on their strengths, identify and capitalize on opportunities, and increase competitiveness and profitability. The MEP organization is designed to capitalize on the geographic distribution of Nebraska's community colleges, supplementing the colleges' expertise in training with the expertise from programs under the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Food Processing Center, Nebraska Business Development Center and the Department of Economic Development.

Actions for the 2001 Program Year

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+ Strategy One

Keep Nebraska's Industries Competitive

Objective #1: Expand value-added agriculture by providing technical services, job training opportunities, and financial assistance to existing and new businesses.

Performance Measurement: Nebraska's Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) computer tracking system will identify the number of businesses served annually. Approximately 10 business loans will be made by June 30, 2002. It has been determined that job training is a vital need to many Nebraska businesses to help strengthen the available workforce. DED will work with Community Colleges, Vocational Technical Schools, and other educational sources to develop job training programs to meet identified needs. A tracking and reporting system will be implemented to count the number of participants in the various training programs by June 30, 2002. Reports generated at the end of the first and second year will determine the numbers of low and moderate income individuals benefiting from the training.

A Progress Report: 12 business loans were made to value added agriculture businesses during the 2001 program year. Additionally 11 training grants were awarded to value-added agriculture businesses during the 2001 program year.

Objective #2: Diversify manufacturing companies through job training and by providing technical and financial assistance to businesses statewide.

Performance Measurement: MEP computer tracking system will identify the number of businesses served annually with technical and financial assistance. Services will be provided to approximately 20 businesses by June 30, 2002.

A Progress Report: 23 manufacturing businesses received technical and financial assistance from the Department during the 2001 program year.

Objective #3: Expand export-oriented services for businesses with national, international, and e-commerce trade by providing job training for low and moderate-income individuals.

Performance Measurement: By June 30, 2002, the MEP computer tracking system will identify 300 participants in the job training programs.

A Progress Report: 427 individuals participated in job training programs for export-oriented businesses during the 2001 program year.

+ Strategy Two

Keep Nebraska's Places Competitive

Objective #1: Invest in communities, which support businesses and its citizens, especially low and moderate-income persons and special needs populations, in entrepreneurial opportunities.

Performance Measurement: Technical assistance services and small business loans will be tracked annually beginning with the 2001 program year.

P Progress Report: One micro-enterprise project was presented during the 2001 program year. It provided technical assistance and loans to small businesses statewide. 24 loans were made to small business owners and 18 of those owners were LMI. Technical assistance was provided to approximately 183 small businesses.

Objective #2: Enhance workforce adaptability by providing job training and upgrading skills of Nebraska workers.

Performance Measurement: The MEP computer tracking system will identify the number of individuals served during the period of July 1, 2001-June 30, 2002. It is estimated that approximately 400 individuals will be served in the 2001 program year. Impact will be determined based on the businesses responding and actual individuals served by training.

A Progress Report: 777 Nebraska workers participated in job and skill enhancement training during the 2001 program year.

Objective #3: Target innovation and future workforces by providing job training to meet unfilled job positions.

Performance Measurement: MEP computer tracking system will identify the number of individuals served during the period of July 1, 2001-June 30, 2002. The number of individuals served in job training programs will be assessed after the first year of implementation. It is estimated that approximately 800 individuals will be provided job training in the 2001 program year.

R Progress Report: 551 individuals participated in job training to meet unfilled job positions in the 2001 program year.

+ Strategy Three

Keep Nebraska's People Competitive

Objective #1: Implement a process for state implementation of a comprehensive Community Revitalization Strategy within federal regulatory framework for HUD approval. Among other criteria, revitalization strategy will target areas where no less than 51% of the residents are low- and moderate-income.

Performance Measurement: By June 30, 2002 implement a pilot approach for a revitalization strategy and develop a process for approving local governments' strategies that will achieve substantial improvements in the target areas and create significant levels of economic opportunities for residents within a reasonable period of time.

N Progress Report: The implementation of a statewide target area revitalization strategy is behind schedule due to other projects that the State is involved in such as the Nebraska Target Industry Study. DED will evaluate whether to further pursue or amend this measurement during the 2002 program year.

Objective #2: Strengthen economic capacity of communities by funding economic development projects that benefit businesses. Businesses will use funds to invest capital in equipment and facilities and create or retain jobs.

Performance Measurement: Approximately 1,600 jobs will be created or retained during the period July 1, 2001-June 30, 2002. The MEP computer tracking system and the new computerized grants management system will identify the number of communities, businesses and individuals served during the 2001 Program Year.

R Progress Report: During the program year from July 1, 2001, through June 30, 2002, twenty-three (23) Economic Development project awards were made, totaling \$6,909,000 in CDBG funds, leveraging an additional \$33,650,000 in other funds, creating or retaining a conservative estimate of 1,000 jobs as a result of the projects.

Additionally, one entrepreneurship development project was awarded for \$400,000 in CDBG funds, leveraging an additional \$395,000 in other funds.

Objective #3: Support businesses and economic development focused activities that use information and telecommunications technologies.

Performance Measurement: Approximately 3 communities will be targeted for investment by June 30, 2002.

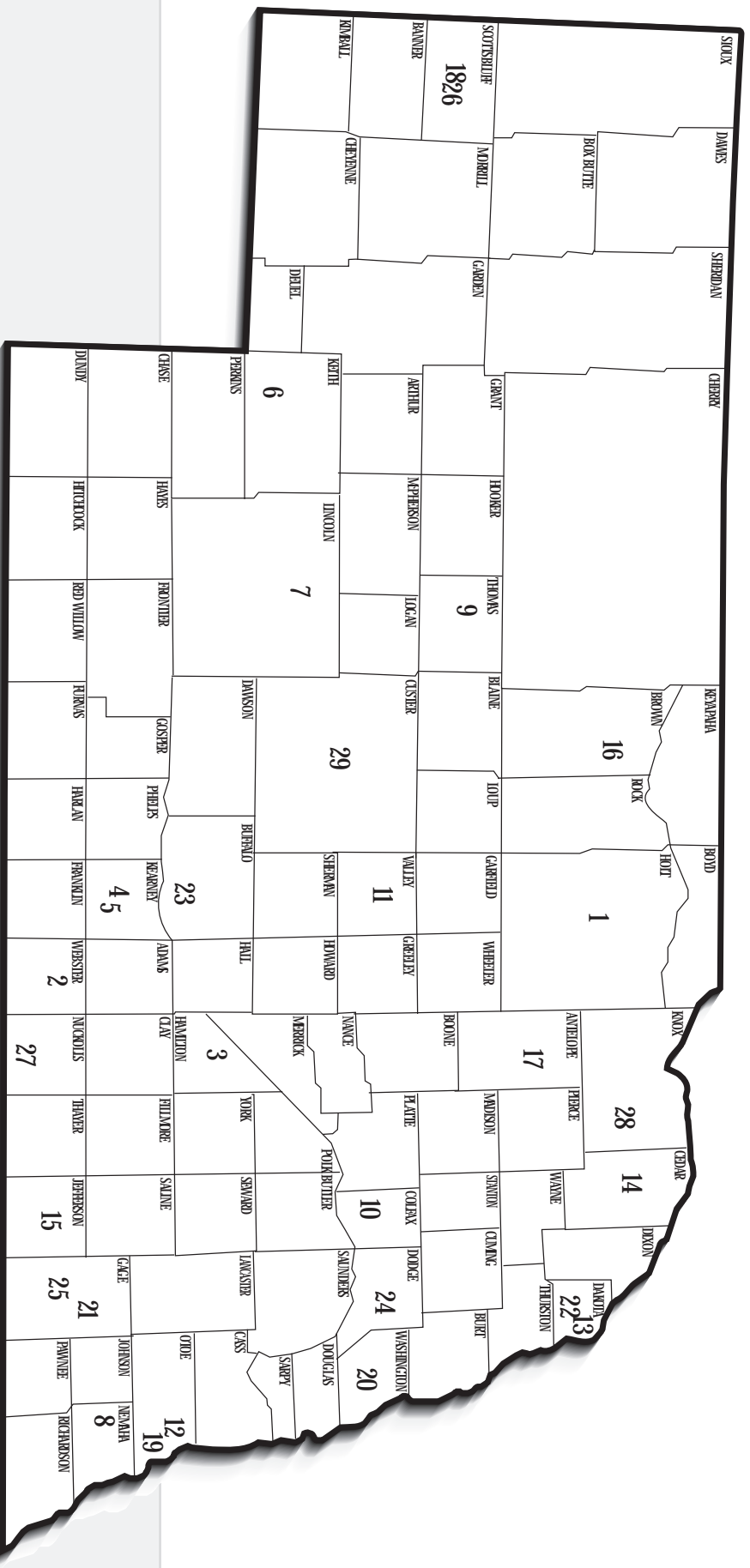
N Progress Report: No applications for investment were received from communities for the enhancement of information and telecommunication technologies.

Objective #4: Strengthen capacity of communities for business attraction through investment in speculative buildings.

Performance Measurement: By June 30, 2002, a State Revolving Loan Fund for speculative buildings will be capitalized at \$2 million or 2/3 of the \$3 million goal.

R Progress Report: During the program year from July 1, 2001, through June 30, 2002, five (5) speculative building Economic Development project awards were made, totaling \$994,000 in CDBG funds, leveraging an additional \$2,148,000 in other funds.

2001 CDBG Economic Development Category Awards



1. City of O'Neill
2. City of Blue Hill
3. City of Aurora
4. City of Minden
5. City of Minden
6. City of Ogallala
7. City of North Platte
8. Village of Johnson
9. Thomas County
10. City of Columbus

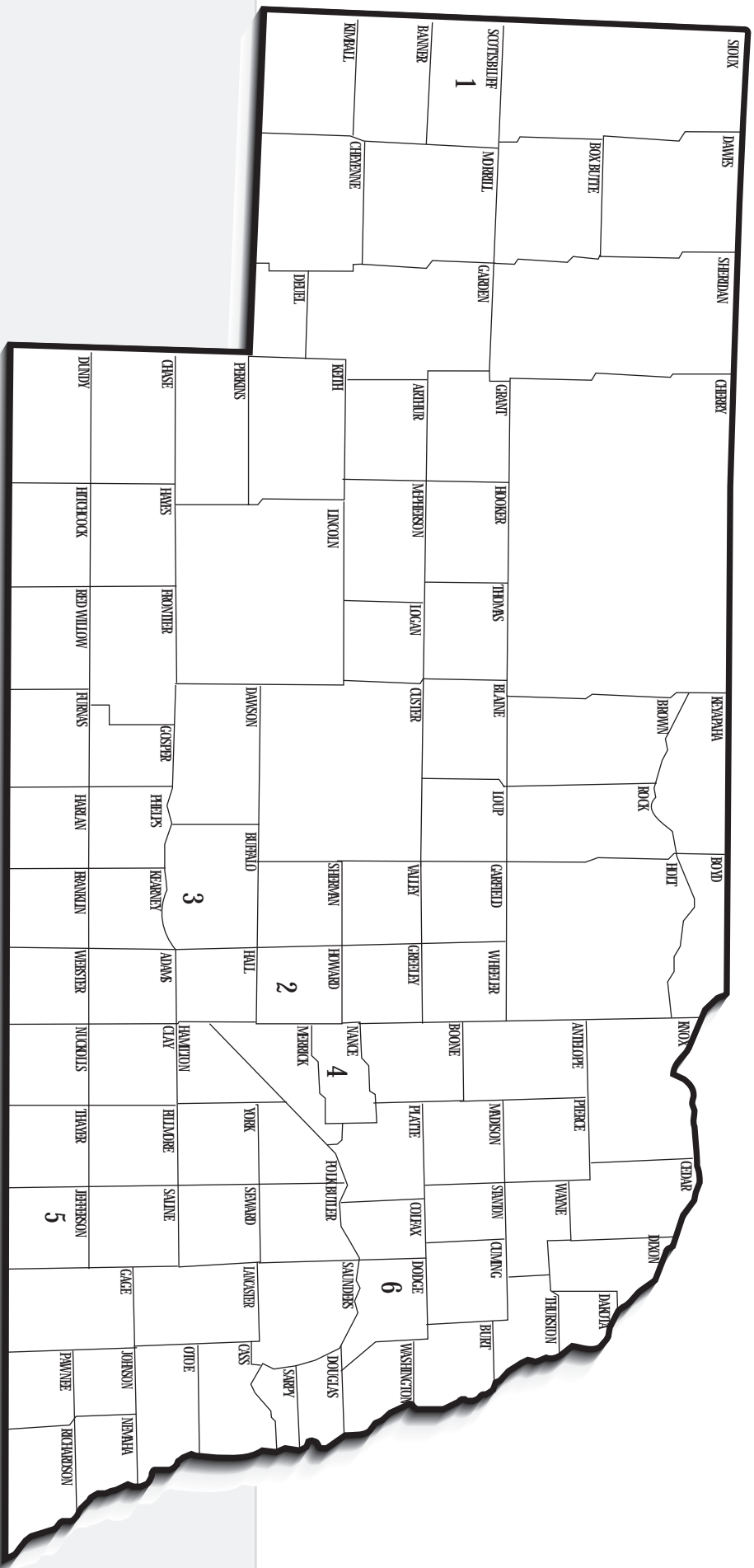
11. City of Ord
12. City of Nebraska City
13. City of South Sioux City
14. City of Hartington
15. Village of Plymouth
16. City of Long Pine
17. City of Neligh
18. Scotts Bluff County
19. City of Nebraska City
20. Washington County

21. Village of Filley
22. City of South Sioux City
23. City of Kearney
24. City of Fremont
25. City of Beatrice
26. City of Scottsbluff
27. City of Superior
28. City of Bloomfield
29. Custer County

**Nebraska Department of Economic Development
Community Development Block Grant Program
2001 Awards
Economic Development Category**

Project Number	Applicant	Project Activities	Amount Awarded	Amount Leveraged
00ED017	City of O'Neill	Rowse Rakes and R&D Manufacturing	\$213,750	\$610,726
00ED021	City of Blue Hill	Price's Supermarket	\$69,000	\$465,000
00ED023	City of Aurora	Spec Building	\$243,801	\$245,099
00ED024	City of Minden	Minden Machine Inc.	\$104,000	\$100,000
00ED027	City of Minden	Plains Produce LLC	\$491,279	\$5,261,294
00ED029	City of Ogallala	Prophet Systems Innovations (PSI)	\$305,000	\$600,000
00ED030	City of North Platte	Wal Mart Sores East, Inc., Distribution Center	\$1,010,000	\$4,500,000
00ED031	Village of Johnson	Pelican Locker	\$36,000	\$35,684
00ED032	Thomas County	Pearson's Inc.	\$104,500	\$108,000
00ED033	City of Columbus	Duo-Lift Manufacturing Co., Inc.	\$48,300	\$48,300
01ED001	City of Ord	TRUST Telemarketing Services	\$255,000	\$250,000
01ED002	City of Nebraska City	REAP Microenterprise	\$400,000	\$395,000
01ED003	City of South Sioux City	BPI Inc	\$216,646	\$213,647
01ED004	City of Hartington	Spec Building	\$92,240	\$87,240
01ED005	Village of Plymouth	Plymouth Industries LLC	\$485,268	\$538,269
01ED006	City of Long Pine	Seven Springs Equipment	\$28,800	\$25,800
01ED008	City of Neligh	Elkhorn River Manufacturing Co	\$155,000	\$336,710
01ED009	Scotts Bluff County	Kurt Manufacturing Lyman	\$510,000	\$500,000
01ED010	City of Nebraska City	American Meter Co.	\$505,000	\$1,800,000
01ED011	Washington County	PK Manufacturing	\$315,000	\$312,000
01ED012	Village of Filley	Heat Source 1	\$242,440	\$918,560
01ED013	City of South Sioux City	Spec Bldg	\$257,500	\$1,374,000
01ED016	City of Kearney	Great Platte River Archway	\$404,000	\$457,000
01ED017	City of Fremont	Natura Manufacturing	\$505,000	\$7,931,520
01ED018	City of Beatrice	Beatrice Bakery Company	\$255,000	\$2,545,000
01ED019	City of Scottsbluff	Taylor River Company	\$241,000	\$764,000
01ED020	City of Superior	Spec Building	\$145,000	\$191,200
01ED022	City of Bloomfield	Spec Building	\$255,000	\$250,000
01ED031	Custer County	Becton Dickinson	\$407,000	\$5,100,000
		TOTAL CDBG AWARDED	\$8,300,524	
			Total Leveraged	\$35,964,049

2001 CDBG Tourism Development Category Awards



1. City of Scottsbluff
2. Village of Dannebrog

3. City of Kearney
4. City of Fullerton

5. Jefferson County
6. Dodge County

**Nebraska Department of Economic Development
Community Development Block Grant Program
2001 Awards
Tourism Development Category**

Project Number	Applicant	Project Activities	Amount Awarded
00TD001	City of Scottsbluff	Renovation historic cultural center	\$45,000
00TD002	Village of Dannebrog	Renovation historic cultural center	\$20,000
00TD003	City of Kearney	Removal arch barriers persons with disabilities	\$20,000
00TD004	City of Fullerton	Renovation of historic recreation area	\$150,000
00TD005	Jefferson County	Rehab historic public facility	\$25,000
00TD006	Dodge County	Removal arch barriers persons with disabilities	\$108,400
		TOTAL CDBG AWARDED	\$368,400

Section Five:
HOME PROGRAM REPORT

HOME Program Performance Report

Analysis of Consolidated Plan HOME Strategies

HOME funds were distributed according to the different categories identified on pages 3-3 to 3-16 of the State of Nebraska 2001 approved Consolidated Annual Action Plan.

Results of On-Site Inspections of Affordable Rental Housing

Twenty-one inspections of affordable rental housing projects were conducted during the 2001 program year. All of the projects met minimum rental property standards. Sixteen projects have been verified to meet tenant income eligibility while 5 continue to be under review. Seventy-two offsite inspections were also conducted during the 2001 program year.

Affirmative Marketing and Minority Outreach

We are continuing to pursue information and assistance in this area. DED Affordable Housing Program fund recipient program guidelines are reviewed to provide assistance on affirmative marketing strategies. All DED designated CHDOs are required to have an affirmative marketing plan. Finally, DED makes available the Directory to Historically Underutilized Businesses to all recipients and applicants for reference in soliciting minority and women owned businesses for work. This guide is also used when DED publishes a Request for Proposals when contracting special projects.

The outreach effort for Minority, Women and Disabled Owned Business Enterprises (MBE/WBE/DBE) includes a requirement to solicit responses to Requests for Proposals and bids from such entities by state recipients as part of their procurement process. A state recipient must have an approved procurement process and monitoring is done by staff to insure that the recipient is following their approved process. Monitoring of recipients also reviews the characteristics of bidders, both accepted and denied. DED provides a directory by trades/services of MBE/WBE/DBE firms (which are historically underutilized businesses (HUB)). Each grantee can request a statewide HUB Directory, and is encouraged to use the directory for HOME projects and in non-HOME related procurement.

Section Six:

Emergency Shelter Grant Program Report

Continuum of Care Narrative

The Regional Continuum of Care groups are actively participating in regular meetings. Each Continuum strives to improve communication within the Continuum, as well as strive to work as a group to cooperatively serve the homeless and the near-homeless population in their area. Each member shares information with the group concerning any change in the types of services or programs that they provide. Any changes that have taken place that would affect the number of people they are able to serve are also discussed. Community awareness of the homeless and near-homeless populations are always subjects of discussions. Successful awareness campaigns are growing in numbers, and are well accepted with positive response from the community.

Many members of the Continuum of Care group also act as the local Housing Authority, as well as the Community Housing Developer. These members have worked, with the use of Supportive Housing Funds to develop and construct single-family dwellings, as well as multiple occupancy facilities to fulfill the need for affordable and decent housing in their respective areas. The occupants of these housing developments are supported with services and education in the areas such as personal financial management, budgeting, and home ownership. It is certainly the goal of these agencies that their clients are successful in obtaining and maintaining permanent housing and independent living.

The Continuums have brought representatives from the various regions together to discuss the implementation of HMIS in the state of Nebraska. The over-all consensus is that the Continuums work as one body to develop a strategy to implement an HMIS that is the most cost-effective and user-friendly, as well as being capable of implementation statewide. The Continuums want to go a step beyond each Regional Continuum's implementation of an HMIS, and have decided that a single type, or possibly compatible types, be set up throughout the State of Nebraska. A sub-committee has been formed for the sole purpose of investigating and implementing a strategy for a successful launching of an HMIS throughout the state.

An added benefit of the concerted effort of the regional continuums is that members have become even more familiar with others from the various different regions of the state. This has led to an increased level of communication between each of the Regional Continuums and will no doubt benefit the homeless population.

EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Report Covers July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002

GRANTEE: State of Nebraska

OPERATIONS	ESSENTIAL SERVICES	HOMELESS PREVENTION	REHABILITATION/RENOVATION	Total ESGP Funds Awarded for '00 PY.	Total NHSATF Dollars Awarded for '00 PY.
\$251,971	\$137,873	\$107,956	0	\$497,800	\$1,510,000

CHARACTERISTICS	
White	13,251
Black	1,195
Native American	1,268
Hispanic	2,816
Asian & Pacific Islander	185
Other	66
Disabled	817
TOTAL:	19,598
STATUS	
Unaccompanied Men - Total Persons Served	1,740
Unaccompanied Women - Total Persons Served	1,271
Single Parent Families - # of Families	2420
Single Parent Families - Total Persons Served	4,935
Two Parent Families - # of Families	1096
Two Parent Families - Total Persons Served	2,793
Adult Couple with No Children - Total Persons Served	452
Unaccompanied Youth/Under 18 (Excluding State Wards) - Total Persons Served	148
State Wards - Total Persons Served	56
Other	123
TOTAL:	11,970

Section Seven:

OTHER ACTIONS

Report on Additional Actions Required by HUD

Report on Other Actions

Address Obstacles to Meeting Under-Served Needs

DED provided five training sessions to 123 registrants that included environmental and CDBG administration for building the capacity of local officials and administrators in the implementation of the CDBG Program. A need for educating local government and planning officials in Federal and State Statutes as well as land use and environmental issues was recognized. In order for community development projects to have a positive impact on a community, local officials must have a better understanding and acknowledgement of these Federal and State Statutes. DED along with the Nebraska Planning and Zoning Association and the Nebraska Chapter of the American Planning Association conducted a 3-day statewide institute on land use management, the conference was attended by over 300 participants.

Actions to Foster and Maintain Affordable Housing and to Remove Barriers to Affordable Housing

The state recognizes it shares responsibility with federal and local governments for shaping a regulatory climate that encourages housing while maintaining needed health, safety, environmental, and consumer protections. The cost, benefits, and tradeoffs of various regulations must be weighed carefully so they promote the affordability and availability of housing. In addition, the administration of regulations must be done in a way that reduces costs and delays.

Three of DED's Housing Development Strategies remove barriers to affordable housing and foster and maintain affordable housing. Please refer to the Housing Development Priority Section of the 2001 CAPER to review what accomplishments the Department had in these areas during the 2001 Program Year.

Coordination of Low Income Housing Tax Credits with Affordable Housing Development

As an incentive for the provision of affordable, low-income rental housing, Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Service tax code provides for the taking of tax credits against the development cost. The Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA) allocated these federal tax credits for qualified projects in the state. To better coordinate the use of tax credits with other federal housing programs (e.g. CDBG, USDA-RD housing loans, and HOME); NIFA prepared an allocation plan providing for a balanced distribution of the tax credits in the metro/non-metro areas. The allocation plan was prepared in consultation with other governmental agencies with housing resources. The Housing Technical Assistance Review team, composed of DED, NIFA, and USDA-RD reviewed and coordinated housing preapplications to direct projects to the most appropriate source(s) of funding, which sometimes included tax credits.

Evaluation and Reduction of Lead-Based Paint Hazards

The following developments occurred during the 2001 program year for the Statewide Rural Lead-Based Paint Hazard Evaluation and Reduction Program. The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services System (HHSS) received a funding commitment from HUD on February 1, 2002. HUD approved the technical assistance delivery plan on April 1, 2002. HHSS contracted for a daily manager on March 25, 2002.

Efforts to Reduce the Number of Persons Living Below the Poverty Level

The housing strategies and objectives focus on creating and maintaining a supply of affordable, decent housing. Affordable housing is an integral component to keep people off public assistance, since affordable housing (by definition) allows people to spend only 30% or less of their gross monthly income on housing related utilities and rent/housing payments. Such individuals then have more income to devote to other necessities. The State's homeownership programs provide quality homeownership counseling to individuals before homes are purchased in an effort to keep people from moving back below the poverty level once they take on more financial responsibilities.

Jobs paying a living wage are also key to keeping people off public assistance. Jobs are created and individuals are trained in various skills either directly or indirectly with almost every economic development objective and housing objective in the *Annual Action Plan*. Every one of the Economic Development Priority's objectives either train individuals for the workforce, or create or retain jobs. As an example of a housing objective that creates jobs, one housing objective creates jobs in the housing industry by increasing the amount of financial resources invested in housing projects. More projects mean more construction and rehabilitation, creating more jobs paying good wages.

Development of an Improved Institutional Structure and Enhancement of Coordination between Public and Private Housing and Social Service Agencies

The Water Wastewater Task Force is made up of individuals from USDA-RD, DED, DEQ and NHHSS. The task force meets regularly to review water and wastewater projects during the 2001 program year. The task force devises strategies for technical assistance and the application process on a case-by-case basis.

Technical Assistance Review Process (TARP) provides the following technical assistance to housing applicants:

- How to assess needs of your community
- How to access financial resources
- How to acquire regional and community support
- How to create affordable housing infrastructure
- How to design an affordable housing project
- How to select a development team
- Review of preliminary application, etc.

Individuals from DED, USDA-RD, HUD, NIFA and the NE Energy Office make up the TARP team. The team met monthly throughout the 2000 program year.

DED also took many actions to coordinate with agencies providing health, mental health, housing, and supportive services in 2001. Nebraska has a strong network of public, nonprofit, and private organizations to fulfill housing and support service needs. Many state programs and/or local organizations exist in these areas. Since the needs are many and resources are limited, this network cannot meet all housing and supportive needs. The state coordinated with many agencies during the 2001 program year. Some examples follow:

- DED coordinated the Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness. NCHH members solicit participation from state and nonprofit agencies that provide mental health, health, and housing services.
- DED is involved in the Governor's Mental Health Planning and Evaluation Council.

Fostering Public Housing Resident Initiatives

The state does not operate public housing units. Action in this area was therefore one of advocacy. DED worked with local public housing agencies and supported efforts to increase the involvement of residents in public housing management and provide them with expanded homeownership opportunities. DED consulted with the Nebraska Association of Housing Resident Organizations (NAHRO) on these matters.

Leveraging Resources

The state makes every effort to leverage HOME, ESG, and CDBG funds with non-federal resources. In the past, HOME and CDBG funds have been leveraged by significant amounts (and varying types) of private and non-federal public funds. ESG scoring gives a priority ranking to projects in which 75% or more of the total project cost is funded by sources other than the Nebraska Homeless Assistance Program. A description of all these resources can be found in the “Inventory of Housing Resource Programs available from DED.

The match for the HOME program is attained by: 1) requiring that individual grantees and CHDOs report annually the eligible sources of HOME match from their housing projects and programs; 2) the dollars awarded from the NAHTF program that serve income eligible persons.

The Nebraska Homeless Shelter Assistance Trust Fund, which generates more the \$1 million annually from a portion of the state’s documentary stamp tax, provides the 100% match for the Emergency Shelter Grant program.